

RASS Month of Service - Utilization Tables - Analytic Notes

Month of Service Lag

Paid claims data used in these tables are based on month of service, but the source files for the data are based on month of payment. Month of service claims are identified by the starting date of service (aka from date of service) on the claim and are based on claims paid as of June 30, twelve months after the end of the last month of service. These data are considered to be approximately 99% complete.

Member Months

One member month is counted for each eligible person who was enrolled in the Medi-Cal program and who did not have an unmet share of cost during that month. Member months is the summarization of the total months of Medi-Cal enrollment.

Member months counts reflect the universe of “certified” Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Certified beneficiaries are those individuals enrolled in Medi-Cal *without* an unmet share of cost obligation.

Per Member Per Month (PMPM)

PMPM rates are calculated as the total expenditures for the year divided by the total member months for the year (total annual expenditures/total annual member months = PMPM rate). The PMPM rate has been excluded in some cases due to small cell sizes.

Medi-Cal/Medicare Dual Eligibility

Dual Eligibility for Medi-Cal beneficiaries is determined by the Medicare crossover status field on the claims file and by the Medicare enrollment status field on the enrollment file. Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are also enrolled in any one or combination of the following: Medicare Part A, Part B, or Part D, are considered dually eligible for both Medicare and Medi-Cal.

Beneficiaries that are not considered dually eligible are categorized as Medi-Cal only.

FFS Carve-Out Expenditures vs. Fee-For-Service (FFS) Expenditures

A carve-out expenditure is a Medi-Cal covered service, billed for a Medi-Cal Managed Care beneficiary, that is not covered in the managed care plan contract. The service is then reimbursed through Fee-For-Service Medi-Cal. Carve-out expenditures for managed care eligibles reflect services paid outside the managed care arrangement and are in addition to the capitation paid directly to the plan.

Carve-out expenditures are identified by the health plan code field on the claim. If a beneficiary is enrolled in a full risk managed care plan at the time of service, the health plan code field would contain the plan number. Expenditures for beneficiaries not enrolled in a full risk managed care plan at the time of service are identified as “FFS Expenditures.” For a description of full risk managed care plans, see the next section: *Managed Care Eligibles vs. Fee-For-Service (FFS) Eligibles*.

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Managed Care Eligibles vs. Fee-For-Service (FFS) Eligibles

Beneficiaries enrolled in a managed care plan (“Managed Care Eligibles”) are identified by managed care risk status field on the enrollment file. Managed care enrollment is defined as a beneficiary being enrolled in a full risk plan where a capitation has been paid and the health care plan assumes responsibility for all services to the beneficiary.

Partial and no risk enrollment types are identified as “FFS Eligibles” for this reporting. Partial risk plans receive a capitation for beneficiary enrollment and assume responsibility for a limited set of services to the beneficiary. No risk means that there is no capitation paid, the beneficiary is not enrolled into a managed care health plan, and the beneficiary’s claims are paid via Fee-For-Service; no health care plan assumes any responsibility for services to the beneficiary.

Age Groups

Beneficiary age is grouped into two categories: Children (ages 0 – 20) and Adults (ages 21 and over). Invalid age values and designations of unknown or unborn on the enrollment source file have been excluded from the Medi-Cal only tables.

The value of age on the claims file is calculated using beneficiary date of birth and starting date of service. The value of age on the enrollment file is calculated using beneficiary date of birth and the first day of the month of eligibility. Invalid age values and designations of unknown or unborn on the claims file have been excluded from the Medi-Cal only tables.

Enrollment Reporting by Aid Code

Under Medi-Cal, a beneficiary may be eligible under more than one aid code. Enrollment in multiple aid codes can be due to a variety of reasons, such as: having an unmet share of cost obligation, as described above, or being enrolled in a transitional, limited term, or limited scope aid code. To avoid double counting and over reporting, the certified aid code in the first position is the only aid code represented in the member months counts. In most cases, this also appropriately reflects the size of each program. However, in cases where one person is served under a number of programs, the secondary program may be underrepresented in counts by Aid Code. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP) is one of these secondary programs where the number of persons served would be undercounted if limited to only the first certified aid code, often by 12-13%. For the most accurate information on BCCTP enrollment, please visit our Medi-Cal and Women’s Health page.

Expenditure Reporting by Aid code

The beneficiary aid code reported on the claim file identified which aid code the claim was paid under.

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Aid Population Exclusions

The universe of beneficiaries does not include recipients of FPACT family planning services or maternity care provided under presumptive eligibility. Eligibility and enrollment for these programs is determined by providers and is not available in the MEDS Eligibility System.

The dual eligible tables exclude aid populations due to their relevance to the topic, impact on the population, and small cell sizes.

Aid Categories - Tables

Aid Categories are based on the following groupings maintained by the DHCS, Fiscal Forecasting and Data Management Branch, Research and Analytical Studies Section.

Aid Code Groupings for the Population Distribution Data, Effective September 2005 (see note below)

BCCTP

0L, 0M, 0N, 0P, 0R, 0T, 0U, 0V, 0W, 0X, 0Y

Hurricane Katrina Evacuees

65

MI - Adoption or Foster Care

03, 04, 06, 45, 46, 4A, 4K, 4M, 5K

MI – Adult

81, 86, 87

MI - Child

82, 83, 5E, 7T, 8U, 8V, 8W

MI - LTC

53

MN - Aged

14, 17, 1D, 1H, 1X, 1Y

MN - Blind

24, 27, 2D, 2H

MN - Disabled

64, 67, 6D, 6H, 6S, 6V, 6W, 6X, 6Y, 8G

MN - Families

34, 37, 39, 54, 59, 3D, 3N, 5X, 6J, 6R, 7J

MN - LTC

13, 23, 63

Other

01, 02, 08, 44, 47, 51, 52, 56, 57, 71, 72, 73, 76, 79, 80, 0A, 2A, 2V, 4V, 5V, 6G, 7A, 7F, 7G, 7H, 7M, 7N, 7P, 7R, 7V, 8E, 8P, 8R

PA - Adoption or Foster Care

40, 42, 43, 77, 78, 4C, 4F, 4G

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Aid Categories (continued)

PA - Aged

10, 16, 18, 1E

PA - Blind

20, 26, 28, 2E, 6A

PA - Disabled

36, 60, 66, 68, 6C, 6E, 6N, 6P

PA - Families

30, 32, 33, 35, 38, 3A, 3C, 3E, 3G, 3H, 3L, 3M, 3P, 3R, 3U, 3W

Undocumented

07, 48, 49, 55, 58, 69, 70, 74, 75, 1U, 3T, 3V, 5F, 5G, 5J, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 6U, 7C, 7K, 8N, 8T, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, D9, 5H, 5M, 5Y

Note: Aid Code 65 is shown as Hurricane Katrina Evacuees. Individuals were enrolled into this aid code starting in September 2005 as a temporary measure until enrollment reviews could be completed and the individuals could be moved to more appropriate Medi-Cal aid codes. Enrollment counts for this aid category are extremely low (the last count of beneficiaries for this aid code was five in July 2007) to zero and would not benefit from reporting as an individual category. For more information on this aid code, please see the Medi-Cal All County Welfare Directors Letter No.: 06-03 (ACWDL 06-03).

Aid Codes 5J and 5R are included as Undocumented. The Aid Code Master chart describes these aid codes as Senate Bill 87 Pending Disability Program with services restricted to pregnancy and emergency services. The description itself does not indicate that these aid codes cover undocumented aliens, but the scope of services does. Also, the OILS for these aid codes are very clear that the aid codes were created to cover recipients who are being re-determined under SB87 and that services are restricted due to unsatisfactory immigration status (i.e. undocumented alien).

More detailed information on individual aid codes can be found in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual on the internet at:

http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-mtp/part1/aidcodes_z01c00.doc

Source for Medi-Cal Expenditures: Fee-For-Service, DHCS administered, Medi-Cal '35' file paid claims data.

Source for Medi-Cal Eligibility Member Months: MEDS Eligibility System, MMEF File.

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